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Dear Paul:

I am writing to you with reference to your article about the SALT negotiations, which first appeared in the winter issue of Foreign Policy magazine. Among other things in your article, you expressed concern about the presence of intelligence officers on the Soviet SALT Delegation at the opening session in Helsinki in 1969, and about what you evidently believe were intelligence gathering activities and tactics of influence directed against the US negotiating team.

I have checked our records and consulted with persons who, like you, were at Helsinki during the first SALT session. This review does not support a conclusion that there were any sinister implications in the USSR's selection of personnel for its negotiating team, in the locations of the residence of a Tass correspondent, or in the hospitality afforded to the US Delegation by the Soviet Delegation. Of course, security precautions appropriate to the sensitivity of the SALT negotiations, including strict telephone security, were and are practiced by the US Delegation.

If you wish, I would be happy to consult with you privately about the facts and our interpretations in this matter.

Sincerely,